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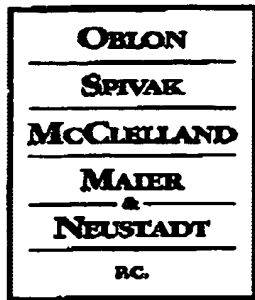
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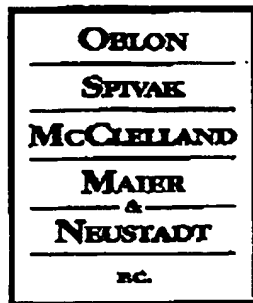
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In the matter of the Application of: Takayuki TSUKAMOTO, et al.

For: RECORDING APPARATUS FOR A HOLOGRAPHIC RECORDING MEDIUM

Due Date: N/A

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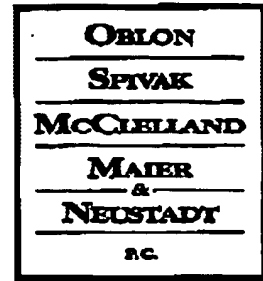
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Docket No.: 214253US2SRD

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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/956,972

Applicants: Takayuki TSUKAMOTO, et al.

Filing Date: September 21, 2001

For: RECORDING APPARATUS FOR A HOLOGRAPHIC
RECORDING MEDIUM

Group Art Unit: 2653

Examiner: PSITOS, A.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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IN RE APPLICATION OF

TAKAYUKI TSUKAMOTO, ET AL.

SERIAL NO: 09/956,972

FILED: SEPTEMBER 21, 2001

FOR: RECORDING APPARATUS FOR A
HOLOGRAPHIC RECORDING MEDIUM

EXAMINER: PSITOS, A.

GROUP ART UNIT: 2653

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Notice of Allowance dated
March 9, 2004.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the previously disclosed references in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

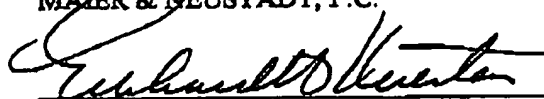
The Office Action of October 6, 2003 stated that the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 21, 2001 failed to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) as failing to include a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent listed that is not in the English language. However, Applicants respectfully submit that a Statement of Relevancy was included with the IDS submitted September 21, 2001, as evidenced by the enclosed copy of the date stamped filing receipt. A copy of the previously submitted Statement of Relevancy is also included herewith.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 21, 2001 does comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), and respectfully request that the cited references be considered with respect to the present application.

Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance over all the cited references. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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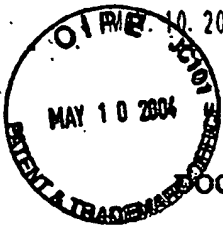
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FOR: RECORDING APPARATUS FOR A HOLOGRAPHIC RECORDING MEDIUM

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (11-311936) on Form PTO-1449:

A recording media has a similar rigid reflecting layer. This media will be used with an optical head disclosed in Japanese Patent Disclosures No. 11-311937 or No. 11-311938, for example.

Reference AP (11-311937) on Form PTO-1449:

An optical head has a similar apparatus to track the recording beam. There is a great resemblance in optical heads disclosed in Japanese Patent Disclosures No. 11-311937 and No. 11-311938.

Reference AQ (11-311938) on Form PTO-1449:

An optical head has a similar apparatus to track the recording beam.

Reference AW on Form PTO-1449:

This paper describes another way of tracking when a holographic image is read out.